

REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicant to restrict this application to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-21 and 23, drawn to a multifunctional forceps device, classified in class 606, subclass 144; or
- II. Claim 22, drawn to a loop ligature device, classified in class 606, subclass 228.

Applicant hereby selects invention I, set forth in claims 1-21 and 23, drawn to a multifunctional forceps device, classified in class 606, subclass 144.

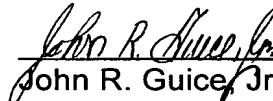
Applicant reserves the right to submit any Divisional patent applications directed toward the non-selected invention.

An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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